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Dear Fellow Voter,

On November 2, 2004, we will have the right and the privilege to choose our next President of the United States and make many other important decisions about the future of California.

This will be one of the most significant elections in many years. And your vote could make the difference. We all know that many recent elections have been decided by just a handful of votes. Please make sure your voice is heard by voting on or even before November 2nd.

We understand that getting to the polls on Election Day is not always easy. One of the easiest ways to have your voice heard is to **vote by mail!**

This year, you can also become a Permanent Absentee Voter for any reason. That way you will be able to vote by mail automatically in every election. You can apply for an absentee ballot right now by visiting our website at www.MyVoteCounts.org or by contacting your local elections officials.

This year's Voter Information Guide also has a new section devoted to election technologies. This guide explains the voting system that will be used in your county. Please take a moment to learn about the voting system in your area—as it could have changed since the last election. You can also find more information on voting systems at www.MyVoteCounts.org.

This year, make your voice heard. Vote by mail, or vote on November 2nd, but please make sure your vote is cast.

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